

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 8 a.m. Note: This meeting was held in-person in the Community Room at the Perry Public Library.

Board members Margaret Ruggle, Kendall Rathje, Mark Miller, and Rosa Gonzalez were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

Board President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Kendall Rathje moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2021, meeting, and Kendall Rathje seconded. MCU.

Financial Statements – Gift Fund receipts and payments were presented with receipts totaling \$4,898.42 and seven checks, #6144 - #6150, totaling \$1,450.22. The City of Perry Library Fund Status Report was reviewed. Kendall Rathje moved to approve the financial reports with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Unfinished Business:

Security Camera System Update – The Library was awarded the ARPA Grant of \$5,000 from the State Library of Iowa. Drees Company has installed all the cameras except one. A bracket needed to be ordered for one of the outside cameras.

Strategic Plan – Director Murphy reviewed the second draft of the Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 with the Board. Activities and the expected date of completion for the activities are needed to finish the plan to the expected standards set by the State Library of Iowa. Mary will bring the Accreditation Application along with the finished Strategic Plan to the February Library Board meeting for approval.

Board Education – Director Murphy attended an online webinar on Intellectual Freedom in Iowa. Most of the online seminar focused on School Libraries, Collection Development Policies, and Iowa Code.

Librarian's Report:

New City of Perry Policy – All employees **MUST** wear trackers when outside conditions are icy, snowy, or slippery. A grant paid for fulltime employees' trackers, and they are here. Part-time employees will receive their trackers in a few weeks.

Yearbook Digitization Project – The Perry Public Library has contracted with Oklahoma Correctional Industries to digitize the Perry yearbooks, The Eclipse. We have boxed them up and sent them off with the postage being paid by OCI. The entire project should take four to six weeks. In the meantime, Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum has a set of yearbooks also.

New Proposed Mission Statement: *Enabling our community to thrive by offering lifelong opportunities to connect, learn, and create.*

The City of Perry Safety Committee will conduct a safety walk through of the library in February 2022.

The solar project in the south parking lot is not finished, but it is moving forward slowly.

The Carnegie Library Museum re-opened on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. A partnership agreement between Hometown Heritage, the City of Perry, and Perry Public Library was approved by each partner.

Hometown Heritage, a local organization founded to serve Perry and its surrounding communities. Its mission is to encourage Perry's cultural and economic growth by preserving local history, supporting the arts, and celebrating life in small town Iowa with free events and access to its collections.

New Employees:

Museum Librarian: Hunter Martin

Museum Library Assistants: Joanne Warnock, Trista Cohea, and Terra Webb

The Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum (HH@CLM) Schedule on Mary's Door

In February we will start cross training Museum Library Assistants as Library Clerk 1 to create flexibility in staff pool of employees.

Open Hours: Tu & Wed 10-4, Th 10-7, Fri & Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4, Walkie Talkies for safety

Phone Number: 515-465-7713

Proposed Programming

Reawakening History by Telling Our Stories with Videos

Century Farms

Genealogy Research

Celebrating Perry Programs: Perry Residents Hobbies/Avid Interests as exhibits and/or programs.

It will take some time to get HH@CLM functioning smoothly. HH@CLM will host an Open House on Saturday, January 22, 2022, from Noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

January Library and Museum Programs

Winter Reading Programs for children, Teens, and Adults continue.

Children's Winter Storytimes Continue --- Bundle Up
Toddler Time - Tuesdays from 10:15 to 11
Fun for Fours and Fives - Wednesdays from 10:15 to 11

Wee Wonders Recorded Storytimes are posted twice monthly on our website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>.

Chess Instruction/Open Play – January 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays this January, at 4:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room, or by appointment with instructor David Oliveira.

Saturday Storytimes – January 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:15 to 11 a.m.

Quarterly Classics Book Club Meeting – Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. @ Carnegie Library Museum Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens.

Monthly Book Club – January 18 at 1 p.m. in the library Community Room. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Open House at Hometown Heritage at the Carnegie Library Museum on Sat., Jan 22 from Noon to 2 p.m.

Virtual Mystery Book Club Events – January 25 at 7 p.m., January 26 at 6 p.m. True Crime Story by Joseph Knox

Craft Club: String Art – January 31 at 6 p.m., Monday, in the library Community Room.
String Art project, with a choice of double heart, cat, or dog paw pattern.

The next normally scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 8 a.m. in the library's Community Room (aka the large meeting room). The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director